

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Supplication. Each January at APC, we invite the congregation to offer written prayers of thanksgiving and supplication. A time will be set aside during today's worship service to bring your written prayer requests forward and place them in a basket, consecrating them before the Lord.

The next Inquirers Class is February 3 and 4. If you are interested in membership or in gaining a deeper understanding of APC, we invite you to attend this class. You will receive an introduction to Christianity, the PCA, and the specific vision/mission and philosophy of ministry at APC. It's also a great opportunity to meet other newcomers to the church, as well as pastors and staff! Membership is open to all who profess faith in Christ and believe the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Attending the class does not obligate you to join the church. Sign up through the link in the APC email or website or scan the QR code below. For questions, please contact inquirers@alexandriapres.org.

Help support Assist Pregnancy Center medical outreach to women and men in crisis pregnancies through their January Baby Bottle Campaign! Please pick up a bottle today, take it home, and fill it up with change, cash or a check and return it by February 12. Donations made will be given to support Assist's medical pregnancy centers in Annandale. Contact Nate Kinder with any questions: nathan.m.kinder@gmail.com.

Women's Event: God For Us – An Evening with author Abby Ross Hutto. Join us via Zoom on Friday, February 10 from 7:45-9:15pm. Abby is the director of spiritual formation at Story Presbyterian Church in Westerville, Ohio, and works as a group leader and trainer for Parakaleo, a non-profit that comes alongside women in ministry. In her book "God For Us", Abby shows us how our theology of God matters and determines whether we move toward Him or away from Him in hard times. We hope you will join us! The cost is \$10. Sign up through the APC website or scan the QR code.

All-Church Dinner—February 25, 6-8pm at APC. APC Goes West this year! Join us for a western-themed evening of food, music, and fellowship with your APC church family. Bring your cowboy hat, blue jeans, and spurs as the best western costume wins a prize. If you'd like to enter the dessert pie contest, you can sign up at the info booth. Childcare will be provided for children 7 and under. Tickets are available for \$13/person or \$50/family. Sign-up during the fellowship time, or through the APC website or QR code. In addition to signing up to attend the dinner, we need volunteers to help with the event. If you are able to help with food preparation, set-up, clean-up, or childcare, please let us know when you are signing up.

Bridge Beginner Class starting in February: A class for beginners to learn the basics of the card game Bridge will be offered starting February 7, running 6 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30pm at APC. The class will be taught by our very own Lynette VanderSchaaf. If you want to participate in the class, please contact Sue Edwards at sue.quilts6@gmail.com. You do not have to have a partner. This is open to friends you want to introduce to our church. The class will focus on the basics, so it is not meant for experienced bridge players. Attendance at all 6 classes is expected, because the fundamentals of the game build on what has been previously taught.

Sisters in Stitches—Saturday, February 18, 9am -12pm at APC. Join us for this monthly meeting as we learn new sewing techniques and have a wonderful time of fellowship. Friends are welcome! Contact Sue Edwards at sue.quilts@gmail.com with any questions.

The Thursday Women's Bible studies invite our APC ladies to join us for a new study that started Thursday, January 5th. In keeping with our theme "Who Is This King of Glory?", we will take a look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels using Dane Ortlund's book *Surprised by Jesus*. The morning class meets weekly from 9:45-11:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Please let Lynn Streett (lynn.streett79@gmail.com) know if you need nursery care for your little ones. The Thursday evening class meets weekly via Zoom from 7:30-9 PM. Please RSVP to Megan Malone at megan.malone06@gmail.com in order to receive a link to the class.

FURTHER OUT DATES

Baptisms	February 26
Missions Dinner	March 25
All Church Retreat	May 5-7

CORPORATE PRAYER IN 2023

Every Sunday, 8:15am—Main Level Adult Education Room
Second Saturday of the month, 9am— Main Level Adult Education Room
Third Saturday of the month, 11am—Main Level Adult Education Room

SIMULCAST OPPORTUNITIES

We love families and are so glad you are here! If you need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason, a simulcast is available in Room 112 on the Main Level. We also have speakers in the Lobby, so you will be able to see and hear the service from there.

The Nursing Mothers Room is downstairs in Room 009, and also has a simulcast. To find Room 009, please go down the stairs by the elevator and turn left at the bottom of the stairs. Room 009 is off the downstairs Lobby.

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY WORKERS

Hospitality *This Week's Coffee Set Up:* the Allen family
Next Week's Coffee Set Up: the Prather family
Nursery *This Week's 9am Service:* Adam Barr, Laura, Elyse, and Emily Coit, Sarah Field, Jennifer Richter, Andrea Romyn, Justin and Emmett Stephens, Margaret Veenstra
This Week's 11am Service: Cindy Cai, Bryant and Lynn Streett
Next Week's 9am Service: Leslie Bridge, Lisa and Celia Fleischaker, Lizzie Lenart, Stephanie, Abbie, and Ellie Olsen, Susanna Root, Justin Wells-Morgan
Next Week's 11am Service: Dan and Kathryn Johnson, Jennifer and Abby McGahey, Bryant and Lynn Streett
Children's Church *This Week: No Children's Church (5th Sunday of the month)*
Next Week's 9am Service: Chris and Amy Weld
Next Week's 11am Service: Erin Furgerson
A/V Team *This Week's Service:* Ben Crowley, Maggie Coombs, Collin White
Ushers **For January:** Femi Adeniji, Andy Allison, Kira Allison, Granville Allison, Adam Barr, William Marks, Sam White
Deacons on Duty Bill Ward, Owen Gentry, Bryan Wittmeyer

KEY EQUIPPING

During our Key Equipping time on Sunday evenings from 5-7pm, ministries are designed to equip all ages, from toddlers to seniors, to be disciples. A disciple is a follower and worshiper of Jesus. This is a life-long process of learning how to become more like our Lord.

Covenant Kids Ministry: Children 2 years old - 5th grade, Lower Level (Nursery for 1 & under) We welcome children to learn foundational truths about God and the Gospel story. We experience what it looks like to love God and love others in community with our worship, small groups, teaching, games, fellowship, and dinner!
 Contact: Erin Furgerson at erin.furgerson@alexandriapres.org.

PROTAS Youth Ministry: Teens 6th-12th grade, Upper Level
 Connect each week in community with your peers — the schedule includes games, worship, small group discussions, a short devotion at a teen level, and dinner.
 Contact: Adam LeRoy at adam.leroy@alexandriapres.org.

Adult Classes:
Book of the Bible --"God's Mercy and Faithfulness: A Study of the Book of Exodus"
 (Elder Shant Boyajian, Room 112)
 The theologian Philip Graham Ryken describes Exodus as a "triumphant adventure" that brings us closer to God and his Son. The depiction of God's mercy and faithfulness to sinners throughout the book of Exodus presents a condensed picture of the gospel. This eleven-week discussion will examine God's holiness and covenantal love for his people. Please pray that the Spirit will lead our discussion and truly bring us closer to the God of the exodus and our Savior Jesus Christ through this study. This class is open to all adults.

Walking in the Spirit
 This class is only open to those who registered.



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Alexandria Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of believers, rejoicing in the gospel, transformed by its power, and responding with grateful hearts in service to our God and world. We long to taste the glory of God in such an astonishing way that the city of Alexandria will be drawn to the majesty and mercy of our great God. It is our desire that our worship will serve as an authentic model to our city of the possibilities for transformation of individuals, families and a city encountering the glory and grace of God.

Please, no food or drink other than water in the Sanctuary. Silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

Holy Worship Service

GOD INVITES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

prelude

gathering song

You Are Good

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever
Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation

We worship You— Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We worship You for who You are
We worship You— Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
We worship You for who You are— You are good

You are good all the time, all the time You are good
You are good all the time, all the time You are good

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call to worship

 | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

Colossians 1:13-14

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

song of praise

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum,
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore:
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more—
stronger than darkness, new every morn:
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
what Father so tender is calling us home;
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor:
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us;
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood ‘neath a debt we could never afford:
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

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prayer of adoration

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

scripture reading

 | Elder Marc Allen (9am); Deacon Bruce Barham (11am)

1 Peter 4:12-19

Suffering as a Christian

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

song of praise

Glory In the Darkest Place

Out of the depths of silent night, Immanuel, come hear our cry.
Our grief is strong, our burdens great; the night is long and hope is faint.
You came to set the captives free, a Morning Star of joy and peace.
Why does this darkness feel so deep? Why can’t our weary spirits see

*Glory, glory, glory in the darkest place
Glory, glory, glory, let Your mercy reign*

Out of the depths of silent night, a Savior born, a mother’s sigh;
the darkness trembled at this Star, a beam of hope for troubled hearts.
You came to make Your blessings known, and bear our curse of death alone;
You came to share our suffering, so in our sorrow we could sing

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congregational prayer

 | Tom Holliday, Senior Pastor

offering prayers of thanksgiving and supplication

offertory prayer

 | Staci Root (9am); Christina Renenger (11am)

presentation of tithes and offerings

musical offering

 | Adult Choir (9am); Congregation (11am)

Still, My Soul, Be Still

Still, my soul, be still, and do not fear,
though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side; no longer dread
the fires of unexpected sorrow.

*God, You are my God,
and I will trust in You and not be shaken.*

*Lord of peace, renew
a steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone.*

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved
by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.
Hold on to His ways, with shield of faith
against temptation’s flaming arrows.

Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake
the truth you learned in the beginning.
Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise
as stars appear when day is dimming.

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There is no Children’s Church today, since it is the 5th Sunday of the month.

GOD FEEDS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

sermon scripture reading

Acts 7:44-60

⁴⁴“Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed him to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen. ⁴⁵Our fathers in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our fathers. So it was until the days of David, ⁴⁶who found favor in the sight of God and asked to find a dwelling place for the God of Jacob. ⁴⁷But it was Solomon who built a house for him. ⁴⁸Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,

⁴⁹““Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,
or what is the place of my rest?”

⁵⁰Did not my hand make all these things?”

⁵¹“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

The Stoning of Stephen

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

prayer for illumination

sermon

 | Mike Powell, Pastoral Associate

“Suffering to the Glory of God”

Series: To the Glory of God

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND IN PRAISE

song of response

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered; I was made to walk with Him,
yet I look for worldly treasure and forsake the King of Kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer; though I fall, His love is sure,
for Christ has paid for every failing: I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood;
through the valley I must travel where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted; Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way;
one with Christ, I will encounter harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armor for this battle strong enough to last the war,
and He has said He will deliver safely to the golden shore.
And mine are keys to Zion’s city, where beside the King I walk,
for there my heart has found its treasure: Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward;
fear is gone and hope is sure: Christ is mine forevermore!

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dismissal

Leader: Let us go forth and serve our city and our world as those who love the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: We will go forth and serve our city and our world in the name of Christ.

benediction

announcements

 | Matt Coombs, Executive Director of Ministries